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**Subject:** RE: Summary of Campaign for Healthier Solutions meeting on Tuesday

Chad:

I made a couple of edits to the FDA portion:

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Subject:** Summary of Campaign for Healthier Solutions meeting on Tuesday

Hey all,

Thanks again for your participation in the Campaign for Healthier Solutions meeting on Tuesday. I tried to capture the high level messages. I had to leave the meeting a couple times, so please add any pertinent information. Please reply to this e-mail with your edits by COB Tuesday.

Thank you,

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## Summary

- Introduction by Campaign for Healthier Solutions (C4HS)
  - Dollar stores use race, location of product manufacturing to site locations which often means they are located in low-income, vulnerable communities.
  - Group is primarily concerned with the cumulative impact of legacy chemicals: phthalates, flame retardants, BPA, and lead.
  - Ask: government to do its due diligence to protect public from harmful chemicals
  - C4HS anchor groups described effects in respective communities
    - Pam Nixon (WV) – chemical spill into Elk River. Kanawha County, Charleston. Food desert in that the grocery store is open 9-6, so working people have difficulties getting to store before it's closed.
    - Bahati Ansari (ABQ) – food deserts. Los Jardines Institute raised issues with products in dollar stores to State of NM. NM sent to FDA, then to CPSC. Campaign is getting the run around.
    - Blanca Florez (San Joaquin, CA) – farm workers do not earn enough wages, so go to dollar stores. Asking the products be removed, and replaced with healthy substitute.
    - Deyadira Trevino Arellano; Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Service – Used to go to dollar stores for cleaning products, food. Houston has a program for children under 6 years, but only applies to lead in paint. New layers of testing needed for phthalates.
    - David Levine (American Sustainable Business Council) - Safer products are available on the market. These products should replace the toxic products. Government should apply pressure to companies to incentive dollar stores to sell safer products.
  - Campaign sent letter to Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) regarding the tests the Campaign conducts on various products. CPSC said they'd want to do their own tests. Campaign hasn't heard back.
  - Ask: Consumer Product Safety Commission should be a member of the EJIWG CPSC.
- Comments from Participating Government Organizations
  - EPA Children's Health Protection Office will put issue to Children's Health federal advisory committee. The Presidential Task Force on Children's Health may also be an avenue.
  - EPA – Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
    - Continue to find chemicals in products that never should have been there.
    - New TSCA law is a better tool to address chemicals in products. Note: Products entering the country, cosmetics, ammunition, pesticides are all excluded from TSCA.
    - There is an opportunity for Campaign to provide input in EPA's environmental justice strategy (EJ 2020) to raise issue.
  - EPA – Environmental Justice
    - Campaign can work with the Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group to discuss cumulative impacts, acceptable risk, and vulnerable communities.

- Will connect Campaign with the Local Government Advisory Committee – EJ subcommittee.
- Will reach out to CSPC.
- FDA
  - Lead has generally been phased out of food storage products worldwide. However, some lead still continues to be in products, which are generally imported.
  - Bisphenol A (BPA). 10-15 years ago, FDA had concerns on health impacts of BPA. FDA has found that BPA if correctly used, the use of BPA for food storage products meets the FDA's risk requirements and is safe. Note from Campaign: Disingenuous to say it's safe given the cumulative toxic exposures in vulnerable communities.
  - Recommended that Campaign contact to FDA if they are finding products are not meeting safety standards.
- Campaign Ask: Put protections in place in this Administration (5 months).

### Attendees

- Jose Bravo Toscano; *Campaign Coordinator; Campaign for Healthier Solutions*
- Jennyfer Lopez Aguilar; *Coming Clean*
- Steve Taylor; *Coming Clean*
- Tracy Gregoire; *Learning Disabilities Association; Coming Clean*
- Richard Moore; *Environmental Justice Health Alliance; Los Jardines Institute; Coming Clean*
- Bahati Ansari; *Los Jardines Institute*
- Deyadira Trevino Arellano; *Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Service*
- Blanca Florez; *Lideres Campesinas*
- Suguet Lopez; *Lideres Campesinas*
- Pamela Nixon; *People Concerned About Chemical Safety*
- Kathleen Curtis; *Clean and Healthy New York*
- Michele Roberts; *Environmental Justice Health Alliance; Coming Clean*
- Eric Whalen; *Coming Clean*
- David Levine; *American Sustainable Business Council*
- Alvaro Casanova; *Center for Environmental Health*
- Jennifer Sass; *Natural Resources Defense Council*
- Mustafa Ali, EPA Administrator's Office
- Chad Nitsch, EPA Administrator's Office
- Ted Coopwood, EPA Children's Health Protection
- Amanda Hauff, EPA OCSPP
- David Symmes, EPA OCSPP
- Steve Vargo, EPA Region 6
- Sam Coleman, EPA Region 6
- Paula Selzer, EPA Region 6
- Michael Adams, FDA